

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING

ACTION SHEET

DATE: March 10, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Charlene McKay, Board Chair
SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESSAC)

Recommendation

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the membership of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee; and that the membership draft a Terms of Reference for the committee for approval by the Board.

Background

The Board of Education Strategic Plan includes a number of objectives, including to establish a Board Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee.

Information

This committee will be established as an advisory committee to the Board of Education according to Policy 2.5 Roles of Committees and Representatives, Section 2 Advisory Committees.

The Superintendent, Board Chair, and Vice-Chair have worked collaboratively together to create the following draft membership for the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESSAC):

- 2 students
- Partner group representation (1 each): CUPE, NDTA, NSAA, DPAC
- NLPS staff: Energy Manager, Department of Facilities (1), other relevant staff positions as determined
- Syeyutsus Saays'um
- 2 Trustees, one of whom will be appointed as Co-Chair of the committee
- Superintendent, or representative
- Other committee members may be invited as needed.

In drafting the proposed membership of ESSAC, we discussed the inclusion of Indigenous Rights Holders within the geographic area of SD68, and concluded that an open invitation to join this Board Advisory committee at any time will remain in place for the duration and life of the committee for Rights Holders. Furthermore, the Syeyutsus Saays'um will facilitate the participation of the Indigenous Knowledge Keepers should they wish to provide guidance within the capacity of this committee.

Upon the Board's approval of the membership, invitations to participate in the committee will be sent out. Once members have been identified, an initial committee meeting will be called to determine a draft Terms of Reference for ESSAC. The Terms of Reference for ESSAC will be brought to the Board for final approval according to Policy 2.5, Section 2.4.

Finally, Vice-Chair Stanley is assigned as the Board appointed Co-Chair of ESSAC.

